GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6097
ANSWERED ON:27.04.2001
IMPORT DUTY ON SOYABEAN
BHAWANA GAWALI (PATIL)

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had reduced the import duty on soyabean to 35 percent during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the import of soyabean from the USA has increased from 12 percent to 46 percent;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is likely to have an adverse impact on the indigenous production of soyabean; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the remedial steps taken in this regard by the Union Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (S SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a), (b) & (c) : Government of India has reduced import duty on oilseeds including Soyabean from 40% to 35% in the financial year 2000-2001. There has been, virtually, no import of Soyabean so far.

(d), (e) & (f) : Does not arise.